

67. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim 66, wherein the elevator system further includes a car and a counterweight interconnected by the tension members, and wherein the surface of the sheave is a traction surface ~~having traction relative to~~ [configured to receive] the engagement surface sufficient that movement of [such that traction between] the sheave [and tension member] moves the car and counterweight.

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68. (Amended) A sheave according to Claim ~~67~~, wherein the traction surface is contoured to complement the engagement surface of the tension member such that the traction therebetween [between the sheave and tension member] is enhanced.

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69. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim ~~68~~, wherein the [traction] surface is contoured to complement the engagement surface of the tension member to guide the tension member during engagement with the sheave.

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70. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim ~~68~~, wherein the surface includes a diameter [D], and wherein the diameter [D] varies laterally to provide a guidance mechanism during engagement of the tension member and sheave.

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71. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim ~~68~~, further comprising [wherein the traction sheave includes] a pair of retaining rims on opposite sides of the sheave.

72. (Amended) The sheave according to Claim 66, wherein the sheave includes a plurality of the surfaces, one surface for each tension member, and further includes one or more dividers that separate the plurality of surfaces.

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